

5 quality of life issues identified

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Five quality of life issues have been identified for action as the result of the Community Capacity Action Plan.

The issues are personal safety in the local community, financial education resources, connection to the Kirtland AFB community, leisure and social opportunities for single Airmen of all ranks through services and events on the installation and educational and activity options for fitness and health.

"The Community Capacity Action Plan will result in enhanced quality of life for TEAM KIRTLAND," noted Teresa Reinhard, Integrated Delivery System/Community Helping Agencies Team chairman. "(The plan) will guide the direction of the base helping agencies...to work collaboratively to make a position difference in the lives of active duty members and their families."

Mrs. Reinhard said the areas of financial responsibility, physical fitness, community building and personal safety "touch on all our lives."

The plan was developed by the Community Action Information Board and the Integrated Delivery System. The comprehensive plan summarizes and consolidates individual, family and community issues presented by group and squadron commanders, first sergeants and installation boards, including the CAIB.

Using installation demographics, including ratio statistics of enlisted to officer, marital status and dependents, branches of services, number of civilian members and housing, the IDS and Community Action Information Board identified and prioritized concerns for proposal of solutions and actions through the plan and the CAIB.

Chap., Capt., Amy Hunt of the Chapel, said the outreach to single unaccompanied Airmen—the creation of the Daily Grind coffee house—was envisioned as an alcohol-free, smoke-free place where Airmen could hang out as an alternative to off-base bars.

"Looking back, we have accomplished that goal," Chaplain Hunt said, "but we have also discovered that many friendships have come from people meeting each other at the Grind. We have expanded from one room to three because we have so many people to accommodate."

And, Chaplain Hunt emphasized, the Daily Grind is operated by volunteers who make the coffee house a success.

The 2004 Air Force Needs Assessment reported that 47 percent of respondents feel "slightly unsafe" to "very unsafe" in the civilian area surrounding Kirtland AFB. The respondents' concerns are supported by the 2002 Non-Traffic Crimes per Square Mile Map from the city of Albuquerque Web site on police statistics.

That 47 percent of respondents felt concerns about safety in the area surrounding the installation "was an important factor in placing a high priority on personal safety" in the plan, said Michael Walti, a member of the CAIB and employee in the Family Advocacy Program. "The IDS team felt that an increase of law enforcement surveillance on the perimeter of the base at peak hours would help...(and recommended) an increase in educational and skill-building opportunities for base personnel in the areas of street crime awareness and personal self-defense."

A personal safety course, the Street Smart Safety Seminar, a two-hour class offered quarterly and a personal self-defense class offered alternating months are in the works as part of the approach to alleviating safety issues. In addition, installation leadership will lobby for increased civilian law enforcement patrols near base entry gates at specified hours and cooperative efforts will be worked between Kirtland AFB security forces and civilian law enforcement.

Documentation through the Air Force Aid Society's assistance to active duty military members at the Family Support Center shows that families do need help meeting financial obligations, along with educational resources in personal finances. Anecdotal information from first sergeants and oth-

er base helping agencies like the Family Advocacy Program and Life Skills Support Center, supports evidence that financial stress also contributes to marital and family stress.

To address these concerns, unit leaders will promote an outreach program with trained volunteer financial coaches who can educate and mentor Airmen, particularly those E-1 to E-4, a category of people statistically shown to most need help. Family Support Center also will brief unit leaders on services and activities available as resources to the installation community, along with forms of support including credentialed financial speakers, workshops and "money clubs" promoting financial health.

Although the new Air Force fitness program is in effect for service members, military dependents, retirees and civilians could also benefit from a structured fitness program. Nonmilitary TEAM KIRTLAND members interested in the benefits of the programs on nutrition, personal fitness and behavior modification will be offered resources through the Health and Wellness Center.

Gary Schancer, Health and Wellness Center exercise physiologist, said part of the fitness initiative is implementing a 10,000 Steps A Day Program. That program, he said, helps participants monitor their activity level.

Program ensures communications security

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Air Force and DOD personnel use numerous unsecured telecommunications devices such as desk and cellular telephones, radios, facsimiles and computer networks, which are susceptible to hostile intercept and exploitation.

DOD telecommunications systems are provided for conducting official government business and are subject to monitoring and assessment for security purposes.

The purpose of the telecommunications monitoring and assessment operation is to obtain information similar to that collected by foreign activities, as

well as monitoring teams and analyzing disclosures of classified or sensitive information that may adversely affect the United States and allied operations. The teams then provide a report to the requesting commander, thereby affording the commander a basis for corrective action.

The teams educate personnel about the hostile signals intelligence threat to unsecured telecommunications.

Thus, training personnel in proper use of unsecured telecommunications.

They also notify DOD telecommunications users that use of U.S. government telecommunications systems constitutes consent to monitoring.

The following notification proce-

dures are mandatory for official U.S. government telecommunications systems or devices:

Installation telephone directories: Prominently display a consent statement on the covers of telephone directories.

Telephones: Telephone signals traverse telephone exchanges, cable of various types, microwave links and satellite links. All of these modes for carrying your conversation are accessible through various means. Additionally, background conversations occurring in proximity of telephone users are often heard along with the intended communications.

All users must at a minimum:

★ Apply a DOD Form 2056, on all

electronic static and portable devices stating, "This device is subject to monitoring at all times. Using this device constitutes consent to monitoring."

★ Or, use Air Force Form 3535, Facsimile Electro Mail Transmittal, with a notice and consent statement on it or develop, distribute and require mandatory use of facsimile transmittal cover sheets with a notice and consent statement, i.e., "Do not transmit classified information over unsecured telecommunications systems."

If you have any questions about the Telecommunications Monitoring and Assessment Program refer to Air Force Instruction 33-219, or call 846-3806.

Money saving IDEA pays off big for NCO

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Master Sgt. Steven Tuss, a technician at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy Directorate, is being awarded \$10,000 for an idea that will save the government hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Sergeant Tuss submitted an idea to improve network capabilities for the control facility in which he works. His suggested improvements will save the government approximately \$97,000 in the first year by reducing resources for experiments.

Sergeant Tuss's proposal involved adding a computer with dual monitors and shielded Ethernet cabling for remote access to another computer in a nearby experiment control room. Normally, the control room would be inaccessible during an experiment and any false or missing computer information would jeopardize experiment data collection. However, with remote access, experimenters are now able to catch potential errors in advance and actual errors as they occur.

His aim was to improve the difficult process of gathering technical data for an experiment conducted a room away. "I arrived a year and a half ago and started my first experiment here. I had firsthand knowledge of the pain of acquisition equipment and wanted to make it better," he said.

The new setup enables technicians to access the control room without interrupting the experiment or entering the lab during unsafe operating times. An estimate of the cost of the interruptions in an average test day is \$1,350.

The Innovative Development through Employee Awareness, or



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Richards

Master Sgt. Steven Tuss

IDEA, Program is an incentive program to recognize submitters for ideas that benefit the government by streamlining processes or improving productivity and efficiency.

The IDEA program is open to everyone, but only Air Force military and civilian members are eligible for cash awards. The cash amount is based on a percentage—three to 15 percent—of the estimated first-year savings to the government.

Water conservation *Base needs 4 percent more*

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Since 1994, Kirtland AFB has been implementing a water conservation plan to achieve a total reduction of 30 percent in water consumption by the end of a decade—this year.

As of March, we have saved a total of 26 percent toward this critical goal. Now, we have just nine months to complete our mission.

Our greatest water savings opportunity is in the base irrigation system; however, everyone, including residents, contractors and workers impacts Kirtland's daily water consumption.

For those who live in base housing, remember...in alignment with the city ordinance, watering lawns is prohibited from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., or while the sun is strongest, and please comply with the odd/even day watering restriction.

Tune into the evening TV news for the Watering Restriction Color Code for the next day:

- RED = "no watering;"
- YELLOW = "watch the wind;"
- GREEN = "OK to water."

Here are a few easy conservation tips.

★ Use only hoses with a shut-off valve

★ Use local car washes that use recycled water, don't wash your car in your yard

★ Report all base system leaks to the Civil Engineer service call desk 846-8222, or 266-6849 in housing

★ Never wash driveways or other hard surfaces.

You can make a difference. Do your part. Conserve our precious water resource.

If you have any questions or need additional information call Cliff Richardson, 846-4633.

Volunteer award nominations due

Nominate your favorite hard-working TEAM KIRTLAND volunteer for the Angel Award or Volunteer Excellence Award presented June 4.

The theme for this year's volunteer recognition event is "Volunteers—Making a Better Tomorrow Today." All volunteers nominated or attending the event will be appreciated for their support and hard work with a cookout at the Rio Grande Community Center, June 4, 11 a.m. Volunteers are eligible for door prizes. Volunteers' families and friends are welcome to attend.

The Angel Award nominations are

for people who contribute significantly to the well-being of Air Force people, their families and our military community.

The Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award for federal civilians, family members and military and federal retirees recognizes those who perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature.

Nominations will be accepted at the Family Support Center in Consolidated Support Building 20245. Visit or call 846-0741 for nomination information.